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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: GOP REQUEST FOR SERVICES OF
CONSULTANT ON ELECTRIC POWER

REF: ASUNCION 2861

1. MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION, USDOC CONTACTED
JACK KEARNEY, EXEC. VICE PRESIDENT OF EDISON ELECTRIC
INSTITUTE AND ACQUAINTED HIM WITH SITUATION AS STATED
REFTEL. HE CHECKED EEI FILES AND CAME UP WITH NAME OF ONE
RETIRED UTILITY MAN OF WHOM PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL BANK
MAY APPROVE:

MILLARD H. HARRIS
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433 POINCIANA DRIVE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35209
TELEPHONE: 205-879-6376
BORN JANUARY 31, 1906
SPEAKS NO SPANISH
HEALTH FAIR - HARRIS WAS ALREADY CONTACTED ABOUT
POSSIBILITY OF CONSULTANCY - SAYS FOR SHORT PERIOD OF TIME

AND LOCATION HE WILL BE FINE.

EXPERIENCE: VICE PRESIDENT OF CONSTRUCTION, ALABAMA POWER
COMPANY JULY 1937-FEBRUARY 1971. SUPERVISED

1-2,000 PEOPLE. GENERAL SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION OF
STEAM AND HYDROELECTRIC GENERATING STATIONS;
TRANSMISSION LINES. PRIOR TO 1937 U.S. GEOLOGICAL
SURVEY, TOPOGRAPHY BRANCH, SURVEYOR.
PROFESSIONAL LICENSES: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, ALABAMA
AND OHIO; LAND SURVEYOR, ALABAMA AND OHIO.

2. EEI POINTED OUT THAT THEY MAINTAIN FILES ON RETIRED
UTILITY PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTING ASSIGNMENTS
BUT THAT MOST OF THESE PEOPLE ARE QUALIFIED IN ECONOMICS,
ACCOUNTING AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT. MR. HARRIS IS THE
ONLY ONE QUALIFIED IN THE HYDROELECTRIC FIELD. EEI DID
PHONE MR. HARRIS AND IS SATISFIED THAT HE IS
KNOWLEDGEABLE AND HAS KEPT UP WITH HIS PROFESSION
DESPITE HIS ADVANCED YEARS. MEPD ASKED ABOUT THE
AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL ACTIVE ON THE ROLES OF
UTILITIES AND WAS TOLD THAT DUE TO THEIR HEAVY
INVOLVEMENT IN EEI AND COMPANY WORK IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY
UNLIKELY THAT ANYONE WOULD BE ALLOWED BY HIS UTILITY TO
TAKE THE TIME OFF. NOTE: MEPD DID NOT CONTACT FPC -
COULD DO IF SO DESIRED.

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3. MEPD UNSURE OF HOW ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE HANDLED
SHOULD MR. HARRIS PROVE SATISFACTORY TO CENTRAL BANK.
IN EVENT MR. HARRIS IS CONTACTED DIRECTLY BY
PARAGUAYAN OFFICIALS, WILL EMBASSY NOTIFY MEPD SO THAT
EEI CAN BE NOTIFIED BY MEPD. EEI INDICATED THAT IT OFTEN
HAS NO IDEA IF ITS SUGGESTIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED AND MEPD
HAS ASSURED THEM THAT WILL NOT BE SO THIS TIME. EMBASSY
ASSISTANCE MUCH APPRECIATED. VANCE

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